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TAKAO TAKAMICHI,
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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908. [23]

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W. M. ANDERSON,
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [25]

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. [15]

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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1908. [24]

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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [18]

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" 3 " 2% " "

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1908. [29]

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A. KOEHN,
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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [30]

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1908. [140]



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Departures from Hongkong to CANTON daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), 10 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

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The S.S. "POWAN" will leave Hongkong every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf, returning from Canton every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 P.M.

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N.B.—The Company also runs a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning to the Company's Wharf from Hongkong at 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. This steamer connects with the returning steamer from Macao.

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Hongkong and 1st July 1908. [15]

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MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE "PRINZ WALDEMAR" THURSDAY, 5 P.M., 23rd April.

YOKOHAMA and KOBE "PRINZ SIGISMUND" About FRIDAY, 1st May.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong 21st April, 1908.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL ON
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Hongkong, 14th April, 1908.

WEST RIVER BRITISH STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

HONGKONG-WUOHOW LINE.

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1908.

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(So) Hongkong, 16th April, 1908.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

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BETWEEN
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Steamer.	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
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TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half May	SHANGHAI	First half May
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half May	SHANGHAI	Second half May
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Second half May	JAVA	Second half May

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherland India Ports through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1908.

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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1907.

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THIS modern Hotel, completely re-built, situated on the seashore within easy distance of Yokohama and Tokyo, will be opened during April, under European management.

Charges moderate.

Special terms for families.

Apply—

Hongkong, 14th April.

E. APPEL, Manager.

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HONGKONG WHARFS.

THE VALUE OF SHARES.

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

Sir,—Will you permit me to throw some light on the obscure point raised by "Not a Victim" in your to-day's issue?

There is nothing so conducive to a final solution of a problem as to have arguments brought forward for and against its merits, and realizing this, I am grateful to your correspondent for having kindly stepped into the arena.

The first question your correspondent asks—as to why a share should fall in price because its dividend earning capacity has been reduced by about forty per cent (although the value of the Company's assets remain unchanged) is so amateurish that it is difficult to conceive that any one but a child, or a man wholly unacquainted with finance, can have any doubts on the subject. It is the fundamental law governing all stocks in London, New York, Paris and all the world over, including Shanghai, but for the sake of enlightening "Not a Victim" I shall, with your permission, endeavour to make it clear to him why it is so.

Granted that the assets of the Company in question are as stated by your correspondent and also (as he would seem to admit) that the dividend which the Company will earn this year will be reduced to ten Taels, it follows that any investor, who buys these shares at Tls. 230 will only get a return of 4 1/2 per cent on his investment. I do not think it is necessary to discuss the question as to the probability of any bona fide investor coming forward to buy shares at such prices, with such prospects. If there are buyers of shares at these prices it must be for quite another object than for obtaining such a dividend for they could obtain a much better return by purchasing shares in many other concerns, the assets of which are just as valuable as those of the S. & H. Wharf Co.

That is the reason why such a price as 230 Taels for S. & H. Wharf shares, at the present time, is a wholly fictitious one. But, as long as people are willing to pay 230 Taels per share, under the present circumstances, they will find that there will be no difficulty in finding sellers. They may buy all the shares of the Company at these, or even much lower prices, (with the exception of five hundred shares) for even men who are now dead, and have left some of these shares to their estate, turn in their graves and send a telephatic message to their trustees imploring them to sell their shares at these wonderful prices.

There might, however, be one grain of wisdom (a very small one tho') in the madness of buying these shares at such high prices. If buyers were certain that the year under review would be the last of disastrous dividends, and dividends commensurate with the price of Tls. 230 paid for their shares. But if we endeavour to look into the future, I think we find the following facts staring us in the face:—

1.—Depression of trade generally. The termination of such depression impossible to determine.

2.—A great many godowns have been built lately, and they will reduce the earnings of the S. & H. Wharf Co. not for this but for some years to come.

3.—Within another eighteen months Messrs. Butterfield and Swire will have available an extensive wharf and godown concern, the immediate result of which will be a loss to the S. & H. Wharf Co. of all Blue Funnel liners, now very valuable supporters of the Company. As B. & S. will compete for public patronage, as against the S. & H. Wharf Co., the chances are that not only the Blue Funnel cargo but a great deal more will find its way thither too.

4.—The owners of the French Yangtze line have just purchased 18 mow of land covered with old godowns, and with a river frontage of 650 feet, from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. The property is on the French Bund, and the old godowns are to be pulled down and new and large ones are to be erected in their place. As they will be too large for the requirements of the French Yangtze Line that company will also make a bid for public patronage.

5.—Lastly another French company is in course of formation with a capital of several millions francs. For this purpose a piece of land has been purchased near the Camp Hotel, and the company proposes to build extensive wharves and many godowns on the site. It is rational to assume that the appearance of this company will not swell the earnings of the S. & H. Wharf Co.

So that, as far as it is permissible for human beings to set the horoscope, it would appear to be a tolerably safe forecast to say, that for the next five or six years (possibly much longer) the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. will have a hard struggle to maintain even a ten Tael dividend per annum. And if that is so, you will be able to judge for yourself whether it is sound finance to pay more than Tls. 150 for these shares.

This is what, as it seems to me, the investor with ordinary common sense clearly sees, and he is therefore delighted to get such a good price for his shares, and he chuckles at the idea that he can find people who are actually foolish enough to pay him anywhere from Tls. 200 to 230 for them.

Does not "sneak," as asserted by your correspondent. They are in a state of trance through listening to the blowing of the horns of the bulls. But they think that it is their duty to warn the public that the tune played by the bulls has too many false notes in it, and that it will not be conducive to public morality if people listen too long to such a band.

If the bulls do not like to play in broad daylight the sooner they cut their tails the better. I am, etc.

KATZLE,

Skipper of the Mary Ann.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"OECANA,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex S.S. India.

From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. ABBOTT,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1908.

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE"

Captain Hall, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1908.

AMERICAN AND MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"SWAZI"

Captain Mackenzie, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1908.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SENF GAMBIA"

Captain Eckhorn, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1908.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ST. DUNSTON"

Captain W. Jones, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 27th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1908.

Telegrams.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

SHANGHAI POLICE.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

CLAIM BY A DETECTIVE-SERGEANT DISMISSED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 20th April, 2.25 p.m.

In the action for damages brought by Sergeant Bookless of the Shanghai Municipal Police, claiming 10,000 taels from the Municipal Council for wrongful dismissal, the Court of Consuls has delivered judgment.

The action is dismissed with costs against the plaintiff.

[In the above action Detective-Sergeant Archibald Bookless claimed 10,000 taels in name of damages for wrongful dismissal. In his pleadings, the plaintiff alleged that under agreement dated the 15th of May, 1902, made between the plaintiff and the defendants, the plaintiff entered into the service of the defendants as police constable (3rd class) for a period of five years. The plaintiff commenced duty in Shanghai under the agreement on the 22nd of June, 1902, and continued to serve the defendants under the terms of that agreement until the 22nd of June, 1907. During the term of his service the plaintiff from time to time received promotion in the defendants' Police Force and in May 1905 attained the rank of detective-sergeant. This position he continued to hold until the said 22nd of June, 1907, at which date his pay and allowances amounted to Tls. 147 and 88. At the end of five years he received three months' salary as bonus and a free second-class passage to England. On the 16th June, 1907, he signed a new agreement to serve for a further period of three years. On his return in March last he reported for detective duty whereupon the following order was issued: "Detective-Sergeant Bookless having returned from long leave will revert to uniform duty at Hongkew station from Monday next, 9th instant. C. D. Bruce, Captain-Superintendent." That order, the plaintiff claimed, was in effect a degradation in rank and, moreover, deprived him of allowances at the rate of Tls. 25 per month and Mexican 58 and was in contravention of the instructions and rules incorporated in the plaintiff's agreement of 19th June, 1907, which provided that a foreign member on return from leave, shall be reinstated in his relative position in the Force. The plaintiff thereupon wrote to the Captain Superintendent of Police resigning his situation, but the latter replied he would not be allowed to resign but would be dismissed for insubordination. The plaintiff further urged that the defendants have agreements with the Shanghai Tramways Company, Limited, and other companies and corporations carrying on business in Shanghai and elsewhere in China by which the said companies and corporations agree not to employ any person who has been dismissed from the service of the defendant. Moreover the defendants are a powerful corporation and use their influence as such so far as they are able to prevent persons of the same class as the plaintiff who have been dismissed from their service obtaining employment in Shanghai and elsewhere in China. In their reply the Municipal Council alleged that the Captain Superintendent's order was not a degradation but merely a transference from one duty to another of identical nature, the same rank, and they submitted that the issue to be determined by the Court first is whether the order given by the Captain Superintendent was a lawful order. If it is, the plaintiff's refusal to obey it is submitted and all other matters introduced into the petition become irrelevant. In the course of the evidence heard on the 15th inst. some curious evidence was heard in the course of the cross-examination of Chief Detective Inspector Armstrong. The following passages may be quoted:—You are a Scotsman—Yes. And a very canny one?—I don't know. And a very slow one too?—Perhaps so. (Laughter)—I don't like to have to put it to you but it is not the case that there is a great deal of jealousy between Irish and Scottish detectives?—I don't know, that Bookless is an Irishman. I thought he was a Scotsman. He is described as a native of Peebles. Judgment was reserved and now it appears that Bookless has lost his case.—Ed. H.K.T.]

[Reuter's.]

Italy and Turkey.

London, 19th April.

It is officially reported in Rome that Turkey is peremptorily refusing to permit the opening of five Italian post offices in Turkey, including Constantinople and Smyrna, and is intimating that the opening of them will be prevented.

Italy has decided to send three naval divisions to Turkish waters, simultaneously presenting a note to the Porte, pointing out the violations of treaties.

The Amur Railway.

The construction of the Amur railway is meeting with opposition in many quarters in Russia, on the ground of the ability of Russia to face the enormous expenses, and fearing to permit Russia to a continuance of her adventurous policy in the Far East.

LUSITANO ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The Race Course presented a lively scene yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the second annual meeting of the Lusitano Athletic Sports. There was a large gathering of friends and spectators, and everywhere, the whole scene was one of mirth and jollity, which was pleasantly infectious. The ground was in excellent condition, and as a result of the last few days' rain, the grass was quite green and refreshing to the eye. Among those present was the Right Rev. Bishop D. Porzani. During the afternoon, the visitors were kept entertained by the Band of the 13th Rajputs, which played a few selections of music. The sports opened with the 10 yards flat race at two p.m. sharp. The following are the events and results:—

1.1.00 p.m. 120 yards Flat Race (Handicap). First prize presented by Sociedade Philarmónica. Second prize presented by Messrs. Noronha & Co.

First Heat—F. B. Silva (13 secs.) 2—F. H. Hyndman.

Second Heat—F. Franco (11 1/5 secs.) 2—F. L. Rozi.

Third Heat—J. F. Castro (12 1/5 secs.) 2—L. A. Cezario.

2.15 p.m. Boys' Race, 220 yards Flat Race (Handicap). Boys from 10 to 14 years of age. First prize presented by Mr. J. M. da Rocha. Second prize presented by Messrs. Graça & Co.

1. H. Sequeira (35 3/5 secs.) 2. E. M. Castro.

3.125 p.m. Bicycle Race, 1 mile—(Handicap). First prize presented by Messrs. Barreto & Co. Second prize presented by Messrs. Graça & Co.

1. J. O. Remedios (3.47 mins.) 2. A. V. Barros.

4.1.4 p.m. 220 yards Flat Race (Challenge Cup). Presented by Club Lusitano. To be won two years in succession before becoming the property of a competitor. First prize presented by Mr. T. Neves. Second prize presented by Mr. J. F. Castro (13 4/5 secs.) 2. D. A. Soares.

5.1.3 p.m. Girls' Race, 100 yards (Handicap). For Girls under 10 years of age. Post entries. (Confined to Children of Subscribers). First prize presented by Club Lusitano. Second prize presented by Messrs. Graça & Co.

1. P. D'Almada e Castro (16 secs.) 2. G. Pinna. There were 17 entries.

6.3.10 p.m. Three-Legged Race, 100 yards. First and Second prizes presented.

1. F. H. Hyndman (4 secs.) F. A. Barradas.

2. F. J. Barreto, A. V. Barros.

7.3.25 p.m. Final 20 yards Flat Race.

1. J. F. Castro (11 7/5 secs.) 2. F. Franco.

8.3.40 p.m. Bicycle Race, Three Miles (Handicap). First prize presented by Oriental Hotel. Second prize presented.

1. A. V. Barros (11 mins. 12 secs.) 2. J. O. Remedios, 3. A. M. Neves. This was one of the most exciting events. 600 yards handicap was allowed to Barros, who won by 400 yards. J. R. Pereira, after a most plucky attempt to obtain third place, lost by about ten yards.

9.4.00 p.m. Half-a-Mile Flat Race.

Open to European sailors, soldiers, and Police.

1. Lance-Corpl. Tallow, 2. Corpl. Price. (There were 5 starters.)

10.4.10 p.m. 220 yards Flat Race. (Championship.) Open to all bona fide Amateurs in the Colony, under the Rules of the A. A. A. First prize presented by Lusitano Football Club. Second prize presented.

1. Mr. Garrett (11 1/5 secs.) 2. J. F. Castro. This was another very exciting event. Castro was a good second. This was the fourth race in which he started. Within ten yards of the tape he looked like winning, but with Garrett just in front of him he had to wheel round to Garrett's left and thus give the winner an advantage who secured the championship of the Colony by about two yards from the second man.

11.4.10 p.m. Boys' Race, 120 Yards (Handicap). For Boys under 10 years of age. Post entries. (Confined to children of "subscribers.") First prize presented by Mr. A. G. da Rocha. Second prize presented.

1. Dick D'Almada e Castro, 2. Alvo Osmund. There was a very big number of starters in this race.

12.4.30 p.m. 440 Yards Flat Race (Handicap). First prize presented by The Catholic Union. Second prize presented by Messrs. J. C. dos Remedios & Co.

1. L. G. Cordeiro (53 secs.) 2. J. A. S. Alves.

13.4.44 p.m. Sack Race, 50 yards. First prize presented by Mr. L. M. J. Alvares. Second prize presented.

First Heat—F. H. Hyndman, 2. A. J. C. V. Ribeiro.

Second Heat—J. F. Castro, 2. A. V. Barros.

Final—1. A. V. Barros, 2. A. J. C. V. Ribeiro.

14.5.00 p.m. 120 yards Flat Race (Handicap). Open to Adults over 30 years. First prize presented by Mr. J. J. Leiris. Second prize presented by Mr. G. J. Sequeira.

1. S. Pinna (11 secs.) 2. I. Rocha, 3. J. V. G. Rocha.

15.5.10 p.m. Ladies Nomination. First prize presented by Mr. F. B. da Silva. Second prize presented by Mr. A. M. L. Soares.

Conditions.

Competitors to line up at the 120 yards mark and their Nominators at the 60 yards mark.

At the 90 yards mark, closed envelopes each containing a card with a needle and a piece of thread addressed to the respective Nominators will be scattered about the field and on the report of the pistol starting the race, each competitor will—

1.—Run up to the envelopes and pick up the one bearing the name of his Nominator.

2.—Race up to her and hand over the letter which must be delivered closed.

3.—Nominator will open the letter, thread the needle, hand it to her Nominator, who will then cover the distance to the Winning Post. First prize the Winning Post with needle properly attached to the thread. (Competitors are particularly requested not to drop the needles on the field after the race.)

1. F. J. Barreto, 2. A. J. C. V. Ribeiro. 16.5.25 p.m. Half-a-Mile—(Handicap). First prize presented by Messrs. Cruz Basto & Co. Second prize presented by Mr. F. J. V. Jorge.

1. F. X. Botelho (1 min. 46 secs.) 2. J. M. C. Lopes, 3. Antonio Baptista. This was a very good finish for second place. Lopes won from Baptista within five yards from the tape. It was an extremely popular win for Botelho, who received a deafening ovation.

17.5.45 p.m. Team Race, 220 yards—First and Second prizes presented.

1. A. J. C. V. Ribeiro (Capt.) 2. H. A. Hyndman (Capt.)

Heavy Weight Race. 1. A. M. L. Soares, 2. A. A. Alves, 3. A. Cruz. This was an extra race for those weighing above eleven stones. A prize was presented for this race by Mr. G. J. Sequeira.

18.6.00 p.m. Consolation Race, 120 yards. Open to all competitors (except those in open events). First prize presented by Messrs. H. Cruz & Co. Second prize presented by Mr. C. M. Castro.

1. L. A. Ozeiro, 2. F. Rozi.

"At the conclusion of the races, Miss M. P. da Rocha presented the prizes to the successful competitors." This over, Mr. Leiris, Vice-Consul for Portugal, proceeded to address a few words to the gathering. He said that it had fallen to his happy lot this year to pass a few remarks on the occasion of the second annual meeting of the Lusitano Athletic Sports. He felt sure that everyone deeply regretted the absence of Their Excellencies Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard. Everyone was aware that His Excellency had most graciously promised to become the patron of the sports. The thanks of all concerned were due to the hon. secretary, the hon. treasurer and the committee, on whom the success of the sports largely depended, and also on the attendance of the public. He would also take this opportunity of expressing his thanks to the prize-donors and subscribers. Those present had witnessed that afternoon many good events, and there was no doubt that the winners were the best men. He hoped to see the successful competitors win again next year, and to see still better contested races next time. To the unsuccessful that afternoon, he would advise them to persevere, and they would be surprised to find that they were as good as others. He then called upon all present for three cheers, and a tiger, to Miss M. P. da Rocha, which was heartily responded to. A bouquet was presented to Miss da Rocha, and the proceedings terminated.

JAPAN AND THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

As was announced by Reuter two or three weeks ago, an invitation was extended by Japan to the United States, requesting that the American battleship squadron under Admiral Evans be sent to Japan on the home-ward voyage from San Francisco. American papers just to hand contain the text of the Japanese invitation and the reply thereto, as follows:—

Japanese Embassy, Washington, March 18.

Sir,—Under instructions from His Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to communicate to you that the Imperial Government, having learned of the contemplated cruise of the United States battleship fleet from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands, are sincerely anxious to be afforded an opportunity to cordially welcome that magnificent fleet and to give an enthusiastic expression to the sentiment of friendship and admiration invariably entertained by the people of Japan toward the people of the United States.

"I am further instructed to inform you that the Imperial Government is firmly convinced of the reassuring effect which the visit of the American fleet to the shores of Japan will produce upon the traditional relations of good understanding and mutual sympathy which so happily exist between the two nations, and to express to you the hope of the Imperial Government that the fleet may be instructed to call at the principal ports of Japan in its extended cruise in the Pacific. Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration."

"K. TAKAHARA."

"ELIHU ROOT, SECRETARY OF STATE."

Though Secretary Root was in Washington, the reply to the Japanese Note was prepared and signed by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Bacon. It is as follows:—

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE,"

Washington, March 20, 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your valued note of the 18th instan, by which you are so good as to convey, on behalf of the Imperial Government, an invitation for the American fleet now on the Pacific Coast to visit the principal ports of Japan.

"I have the honour and pleasure to say in reply that the President, to whom I have communicated this courteous and friendly action on the part of your Government, highly appreciating this evidence of the hearty good-will of the Japanese nation, has charged me to request you to inform your Government that the United States is most happy to accept the invitation. It gives this Government peculiar pleasure to accept, because of the long existing and unbroken friendship between the two countries and the sincere regard of the American people for the people of Japan.

"I regret to add, however, that the limits of time imposed by the arrangements for the return of the fleet to the Atlantic Coast of the United States will not permit a visit to more than one of the ports of Japan.

"Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of highest consideration."

"ROBERT BACON."

"Acting Secretary."

"His Excellency BARON KOGORO TAKAMURA, Ambassador of Japan."

Today's Advertisements.

WANTED.

SITUATION: HOTEL-MANAGER, ASSISTANT-SECRETARY. Fourteen years' experience in the East in Glass reference.

Address—"ROTYAHC," C/o this Office. Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [436]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship.

"CLAN MACMILLAN" will be despatched for the above Ports on the 7th May, 1908.

For Freight, apply to S'EWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [409]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship.

"YARRA," Captain Sellier, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [14]

THE N. Y. K.

A REPORTED ATLANTIC SERVICE.

According to the *Asahi*, the N. Y. K. considers that many of the steamers now running on its European service, most of which are of about 6,700 tons, are too small for the trade under the present conditions. It will consequently arrange to replace some of them by the new vessels of about 8,800 tons which are under construction at Kawasaki Dockyard and the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard at Nagasaki. The vessels thus taken off the European line will be employed by the Kaisha on an Atlantic service. The Kaisha will not establish a regular service in the first instance but will tentatively endeavour to attract cargo at American and European ports, with a view to eventually establishing a strong, regular line. When the arrangements are completed, the Kaisha will ask the Government for assistance and will endeavour to put large and fast vessels on the service in order to meet the competition of foreign passenger steamers.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Shikima Maru* (9,000 tons), which is under construction at the Kawasaki Dockyard, will be launched on the 18th, and another vessel, the *Hirano Maru*, at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard at Nagasaki on the 21st. Mrs. Kondo, wife of the President of the N. Y. K. will come down from Tokio to name the new steamships.

THE DALAI LAMA.

AN EXPENSIVE GUEST.

A correspondent writing from Hsichou near Taiyuanfu, Shanxi, in a letter just received in Shanghai, which has been kindly placed at our disposal, states:—

The Lama and his followers began to arrive on Sunday, March 15, very early in the morning and were dwelling in all the rest of the day. We did not go out until the afternoon, and by that time the great man was well under canvas. He left at 6 a.m. next day, and the following day he was to make a stay for religious rites and ceremonies, which are said to take place on the first and fifteenth of each moon. All the Hsichou and neighbouring population seemed to have turned out to see the show and the camp was surrounded by a dense crowd. The following were the items expended by the city on the Lama's account and from it you may make your own estimate of the numbers of the people.

500 horses to the next stage at 4,000 cash each—2,000,000 cash.

Butter and milk 200,000 cash.

Charcoal for fires 200,000 cash.

Tea 200,000 cash.

150 carts to Yuanning 650,000 cash.

40 tons of beans and 30,000 catties of straw for the animals.

This totals up to four or five millions of cash or \$4,000 to \$5,000, but it was estimated that the entertainment of the Lama cost about \$10,000.

From the above it will be seen that the travelling of the Lama in China is not an inexpensive matter for the officials whose cities he passes through. As we stated yesterday the Dalai Lama is to be instructed to return to Peking for an Imperial audience, after which it is to be hoped the pontiff will leave China for his native land without further delay.—M. G. D. News.

HOBBS MAINTENANCE FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received in aid of the above fund by Mr. W. H. Williams. The fund will be closed on the 30th inst.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire \$50

Robt. Shawan 100

W. G. Humphreys 50

H. J. H. 50

J. T. Hopkins 50

T. Meek 25

Crowther Smith 25

S. Silvestroni 20

Dr. Amos P. Wilder 20

Capt. Thomas 20

A. Friend 10

G. I. C. per Mrs. Drew 10

W. High 5

C. W. Brett 5

Total \$1,110

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on SATURDAY,

the 25th April, 1908, at 2.30 P.M. at their

Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-STEADS and MATTRESSES, TEAK-WOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DOUBLE TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, GLASS, CROCKERY and C.F. WARE, CARPETS, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [438]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship.

"JAPAN," Captain J. G. Ollifant, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 25th April, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [439]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship.

"JAPAN," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [437]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"POONA," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where cargo consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 27th instan, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

F. J. A. BOTT, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1908. [7]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH," Captain E. Malchow, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at 6 A.M.

Intimation.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1908.

SHIPPING DISASTERS IN JAPAN.

NECESSITY OF STRICT CONTROL OVER SHIPOWNERS.

Shipping disasters in Japan have been unpleasantly of late, and to a number of minor disasters the recent sinking of the *Mutsu Maru* on the coast of the Hokkaido, involving an appalling loss of life, must be added. The number of ships lost or damaged in 1901 was 63; in 1902, 75; in 1903, 66; while in 1904 the total suddenly increased to 82; and in 1905 it had further risen to 116. In 1906 the number of disasters, however, fell off to 90, and though the figures for last year are not yet available they are believed not to be below those for the preceding year. This year disasters have so far been alarmingly on the increase. Dealing with this question, the *Yiji Shinjo* remarks that the exact percentage of calamities to Japanese ships in comparison with foreign vessels cannot be known until after a careful inquiry has been made, but generally speaking the rate seems larger on the Japanese side. The number of British coasting and over-sea service ships that met with disaster during the year ending June 1, 1904 is returned at 2,567, which corresponds to 28 per cent of the total number of British ships on the register during the same period. In 1905, 25 Japanese vessels of over 20 tons encountered mishaps, being a rate of 37 per cent., which is certainly larger than the British percentage above quoted.

Although the increase of shipping catastrophes may be inevitable to a certain extent owing to the sudden augmentation of tonnage during the late war, such a succession of disasters as have recently been recorded can scarcely be overlooked. Shipping disasters are as frequently caused by natural agencies over which men have no control as by neglect or want of proper attention on the part of the seamen. But something like 70 to 80 per cent. of the seamen who are annually brought before the Marine Courts are found blameworthy in one respect or another and are dealt with accordingly. While it follows as a matter of course that shipowners should be very circumspect in the character and ability of the men who navigate their vessels, it is said that on some ships the crews are undermined from economical considerations, and the men are inevitably put to excessive work, with the result that untoward incidents occur. If such a state of things really exists it is advisable that the shipowners, for the safeguarding of their own interests as well as those of others, should see that their ships are properly manned and efficiently handled, so as to minimise the disasters which have become so alarmingly frequent of late years.—*Japan Chronicle*.

AMERICA AND MANCHURIA.

JAPANESE COMMENT ON THE NEW POLICY.

The refusal of Mr. Fisher, U.S. Consul at Harbin, to recognise Russian territorial rights in Harbin, which has developed into a diplomatic question between the United States and Russia, has naturally aroused considerable attention in Japan. It is recognised that the question between America and Russia must eventually involve Japan, and that difficulties will be raised with regard to Japanese municipal administration in Mukden and other places in South Manchuria. One journal says that the Japanese Government is investigating the best course to be taken in view of the attitude of the United States. It is feared that the relations between Japan and America, which are now improving after the strain caused by the immigration controversy, may be disturbed again by the present question.

On the authority of a certain Japanese diplomat, whose name, however, is not given, the *Nippon* remarks that no official report has yet been received by the Government concerning this complication between the United States and Russia, and the real situation cannot be ascertained. It will be remembered that when it was first reported some time ago that Russia was about to inaugurate a municipal administration for Harbin, there were indications that trouble would ensue between the United States and Russia on the matter. Russia has established a municipal administration over the town in virtue of the provisions of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company Treaty, which granted supreme and absolute power to the railway company in respect to administration within the ground traversed by the railway and held in connection with it. Hitherto no trouble has developed on this matter with foreign Powers, and the municipal administration has so far been carried out without a hitch.

In Harbin the circumstances are quite different compared with the situation on the lands connected with the South Manchuria Railway. All the foreigners at Harbin reside within the limits of the land belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway, and their interests in commerce may in some case be at variance with the Russian policy. As the Americans are now doing their utmost for the development and extension of their trade in Manchuria, they may naturally be opposed to the legislation of the Russian authorities. It appears that the United States maintains that the Chinese Eastern Railway Treaty is an agreement between Russia and China, and in case the interests of Americans are damaged by that treaty, the United States is entitled to demand under the most-favoured-nation clause participation in all the privileges enjoyed by Russia. The difference is one to be solved between the United States and Russia. The diplomat referred to does not consider the time to be yet sufficiently matured for the discussion of the question in its relation to Japan. The United States is understood to advance similar demands against Japan respecting South Manchuria as against Russia in the North, but the case is quite different, concludes the diplomat, for Japan fully respects the rights of foreigners in accordance with assurances given and in pursuance of the principles of the "open door and equal opportunity."—*Japan Chronicle*.

THE PACIFIC "EMPRESS" BOATS.

The secretary of the Syndicated Longshoremen of Montreal has stated that the Atlantic Empresses will next season be transferred to the Pacific and replaced by two other Empress liners similar to the *Virginian* and *Victorian* of the Allan line. The Shipping Federation has given notice that it will enforce a reduction of wages which the workmen say they will not accept, and a fight is contemplated. Mr. Poliquin, the secretary of the Longshoremen's syndicate, said:—"I see it is reported the C.P.R. is thinking of moving to Three Rivers if the longshoremen of Quebec will not accept a reduction. The alternative I see is that the C.P.R. will bring their Empresses to Montreal. I know for a fact, however, that they cannot bring them up next season. I know on the best authority that they will never bring the present Empresses up to Montreal; but there are two new Empresses which they have commenced building in the Clyde that are of the same type as the *Victorian* and *Virginian*, which will replace the present Empresses in the St. Lawrence route, and these they will bring to Montreal. That will not be next season, though, but the season after. As to the present Empresses, they will be transferred to the Pacific. I know that that is the plan of the C.P.R."

Public Companies

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House 10-MORROW, the 22nd April, 1908, at 5 P.M.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary. [400]
Hongkong, 21st April, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House 10-MORROW, the 22nd April, 1908, at 5.30 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary. [401]
Hongkong, 21st April, 1908.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1907, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 13th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. [355]
Hongkong, 26th March, 1908.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1907, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. [356]
Hongkong, 26th March, 1908.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 25th April instant, at 12.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. [406]
Hongkong, 16th April, 1908.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 25th April, 1908, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 18th April, until SATURDAY, 25th April, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. [407]
Hongkong, 16th April, 1908.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 2nd May, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of Accounts to 31st February, 1908, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th April to 2nd May, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. [408]
Hongkong, 16th April, 1908.

Intimations.

A SILLY SAYING.

"It is a common but silly opinion prevailing among a certain class of people that the worse a remedy tastes, smells or hurts, the more efficacious it is." So says a well-known English physician. He further adds: "For example, let us consider cod liver oil. As it is extracted from the fish this oil is so offensive to the taste and smell that almost everybody abhors it, and many cannot use it at all, no matter how badly they need it. Yet cod liver oil is one of the most valuable drugs in the world, and it is the greatest pity that we have not thus far been able to free it from those peculiarities which so seriously interfere with its usefulness." This was written years ago; the work of civilising and redeeming it, however, has since been triumphantly accomplished; and as a leading ingredient in the remedy called

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION the oil retains all its wonderful curative properties with no bad smell or taste whatever. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry; creating a medicine of unequalled power for the diseases most prevalent and fatal among men, women and children. There is no other remedy to compare with it. It increases the digestive power of the stomach and in blood impurities, Weakness, Loss of Flesh, Throat and Lung Troubles, Nervous Dyspepsia, Scrofulous Affections, Thinness and Slow Development in the young, it gives quick and certain relief and cure. Dr. G. C. Shannon, of Canada, says: "I shall continue its use with I am sure, great advantage to my patients and satisfaction to myself." Has all the virtues of cod liver oil; none of its faults. You may trust it fully; it cannot disappoint or fail. One bottle convinces. Sold by all chemists.

MUSIC LESSON.

LESSONS in Violin, Mandoline and Guitar at pupil's residence. Evening engagements for Dances and Concerts.
Apply to— E. J. LOPES, C/o Hongkong Telegraph Office. [352]
Hongkong, 9th March, 1908.

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Where I am sure to find the best
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Hongkong, 20th January, 1908. [53]

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THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. [48]
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908.

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1907. [66]

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M. J. NATHAN, Esq.

THE Directors of the Central Stores, Ltd. are prepared to receive applications for T.S. 250,000 8 per cent debentures terminable in ten years from the 30th day of June 1908, but redeemable by the Company in 5 years from that date or at any time after such 5 years on giving 6 calendar months' previous notice in writing. These debentures are issued by the Directors in pursuance of a resolution passed by them at a meeting held at the Company's offices on the 3rd day of April, 1908. With the sum raised it is intended to pay off all the existing outstanding debentures of the Company of T.S. 150,000 issued in favour of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and to employ the balance in the expense of completing the building and fittings of the Palace Hotel facing the Bund, Shanghai. The present issue of T.S. 250,000 will rank at a first charge on the said property of the Company held on a lease to the Company for a term of 48 years and 6 months and all unexpired including the buildings and a floating charge on the other property and undertaking of the Company as carried on upon the said premises and will be secured by a Deed of Trust and mortgage to be hereafter executed being a first mortgage of the said leasehold property buildings and undertaking, of the Company to Messrs. Alexander McLeod and Duane McNeil as Trustees for the Debenture holders. The present issue of debentures will be at par in sums of T.S. 1,000, T.S. 500 and T.S. 100 as may suit the convenience of applicants. They will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum and will rank among themselves pari passu.

The first instalment of interest calculated from the day of payment will be paid on the 30th day of June, 1908 and thereafter half-yearly on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December. Applications should be filled in and sent to the Company's Bankers the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation accompanied by the amount of the debentures applied for.

Applications will be received up to the 31st day of May, 1908 and will be dealt with on that day and should any such debentures remain unapplied for, subsequent debentures thereof will be made and carry interest from the date of issue. Bankers' receipts to the applicant will be issued for the amount of his debentures and exchanged for debentures if an allotment is made. Forms of application can be obtained at the office of the Company or at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Deed of Trust and form of Debenture can be seen at the office of Messrs. Stokes, Platt & Tredwell, the Company's Solicitors.

By Order of the Directors,

M. J. NATHAN, Secretary.

Shanghai, 20th April, 1908.

DEATHS.

On March 8, 1908, at Willowbrook, Ichni-field, Hortham, Sussex, England, CHARLES SMITH TAYLOR, late of Jardine, Matheson & Co., aged 65 years.

McGILL—In March 24, at Exeter, JAMES MCGILL, formerly of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited, Singapore; aged 47 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1908.

ATHLETIC EXERCISES IN HONGKONG.

The approach of summer brings to the front once again the question which every resident asks himself, whether he devotes sufficient time to physical exercise. Among the younger generation there is ample evidence that athletic sports hold a large position in their thoughts, as is proved by the cricket and football matches which take place every week and the interest displayed in tennis tournaments, but by far the majority of people are content to take no active part in sport but simply act the part of spectators. This may be due in some degree to the lack of facilities in Hongkong for private recreation for a Colony which is built on the side of a mountain can scarcely be expected to provide a sufficiency of ground for those who are desirous of becoming proficient in such games as lawn tennis, for example. In Singapore, on the other hand, it is the exception where a house of any size is without a couple of lawns where young and old may disport themselves to the top of their bent, with the consequence that private contests of skill are of daily occurrence. In Hongkong, however, the house that is provided with a lawn is exceptionally favoured and the average young man is compelled to become a passive critic instead of an active player. The fact may be regretted but it cannot apparently be overcome unless a totally new set of conditions come into being. Writing on the subject of exercise in tropical countries, Dr. J. Cantlie, in the *Journal of Tropical Medicine*, says:—"Opinions differ widely, not only in regard to the best form of exercise advisable to be taken in countries in which a tropical climate prevails, but some condemn exercise altogether during the hot weather. The old resident, who is climate-wise, food-wise, and clothing-wise in all that appertains to the maintenance of health in the locality in which he resides, as a rule shakes his head at more recent arrivals who indulge in long walks or who walk more than is absolutely necessary for daily needs. Curiously enough this sage does not look askance at games even for his own children, but considers tennis, swimming, or cricket as part and parcel of the daily routine. Some of the more active middle-aged residents may devote themselves to tennis or fives, or even to swimming; yet by them walking is condemned in unmeasured terms, and they prophesy physical ruin to those who are foolish enough to walk a step more than is necessary. It is foolish to set aside any warning earnestly given by men of experience in regard to any subject, yet with all respect to these wise and grave seniors it is difficult to understand the position they take up in matter." Dr. Cantlie refers to the necessity of keeping the heart in a condition to respond to the muscular calls made upon it, but the exercise indulged in must not be of a character to exhaust the whole of its reserve force. And he proceeds to say: "Spasmodic exercises, that is, violent exertion taken at irregular intervals, are always to be condemned; they mean intermittent relaxation, followed by sudden and violent muscular exercise in a game, say of tennis or fives, or when sports such as running, jumping, rowing, throwing the hammer, &c., are engaged in. If this rule is the case in temperate climates it applies more pointedly still in tropical countries, where heat and circulation are rendered limp by moist heat and where the climatic conditions serve to lessen inclination to take exercise." He argues, that to take exercise by means of the stimulus of a game resembles the stimulating of the brain by the aid of alcohol, for this reason that if it were not for the spirit of the game no exercise would be taken at all. "Are games of all kinds therefore hard?" he asks, and proceeding to answer his own question says: "Not so, but we must be physically fit to stand the tax and strain, be the game what it may. To keep physically fit there is one exercise, and one only, that is at once efficient and safe for every one. Walking is the means by which to keep physically fit, whether at home or in the tropics. A walk for one hour at a stretch (not two half hours, one in the morning and one in the afternoon), at the rate of from 120 to 130 paces per minute, will keep one fit always. Moreover, it is a necessary procedure if one is to join in games requiring sudden or sustained exertion, such as tennis or rowing. The rowing man gets stale unless he walks systematically, and so in other games. Exercises in a gymnasium do not supply the place of walking; dumb bells, Indian clubs, climbing ropes, &c., do not serve as substitutes for walking. To specify the exercise which may be taken in tropical countries as an adjunct

to walking is easy enough, although place and opportunity modify the available games possible." The best of games, therefore, from his point of view is golf because there walking is done with an object. Riding and swimming in moderation fulfil the requirement to a certain extent, but neither comes up to walking as a means of exercise. "Tennis is excellent, if one is in training; that is, if an hour's walk at a good pace is taken daily. Cricket, in the cool weather, and even football, if the weather is cold, are not without benefit to young men. Fives and racquets require a man to be in really good training, but the surroundings and ordinary life of Europeans in the tropics are seldom of such a nature as to allow either game to be played without some danger. Mountain climbing in a tropical latitude is one of the most trying ordeals in the way of exercise, and should be only undertaken by persons who are in good condition. Shooting excursions, as they necessitate riding or walking and an open-air life, are conducive in all essentials to improvement of health and of stamina." But after all, the writer invariably returns to walking as the safest form of exercise, although the daily constitutional need not necessarily be taken as a matter of duty, but may be beguiled by the rest of following a Haskell ball along the links. At the same time he is far from being prejudiced on the subject, as is apparent from the fact that he invites lay and professional opinion on the question. It is certain, however, that walking for health purposes will commend itself to but few in Hongkong, and the opportunities for golf are so restricted that it may be said to be as a game a negligible quantity. What then remains for the active young athlete who desires to keep fit and yet to avoid over-exertion? If a satisfactory solution could be given to the problem in so far as it affects Hongkong it would be eagerly welcomed by many who at present restrict their exercise to the daily promenade from the house to the office, and very little of that when there is a chair or a ricksha handy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

INSPECTOR Withers prosecuted Li Yuk Woon, a pork dealer, of the Wanchai Market, at the Police Court, this morning, for having in his possession a false scale. A fine of \$20 was imposed.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Ho Tung.....\$50.
A Patient.....10.

THE Inquest which was to have been held at the Magistrate's Court this afternoon touching the death of Mr. A. H. Rennie has been postponed until Tuesday next, the 28th instant, at 2.15 p.m. The six jurymen summoned are requested to attend on that day.

PEDESTRIANS whose business took them in the neighbourhood of the Praya East to-day were surprised to see the French gunboat *Argus* moored alongside the Praya wall, outside Messrs. Geo. Fenwick & Co.'s works. Inquiries elicited the information that her boilers were being overhauled. The usual crowds of Chinese were attracted by the unusual scene.

CHAN WONG NG, a fitter of the Waterworks, was charged at the Police Court, to-day, and convicted for assault and disorderly behaviour. Chan and a coolie named So Wing got into an argument in an opium divan in Centre Street last night. It terminated in a fight, during which Chan seized an earthenware teapot and flung it at So, striking him on the nose and doing some damage to that part of his countenance. The coolie, who was called to stop the fight, was also given a rough time. Chan was fined \$5 by Mr. Kemp.

A CHINESE bones attracted much attention at the Police Court this morning. He was seen seated in the big dock, his arms folded, legs curled under him, quietly conversing with another prisoner. The pious man who arrived in the Colony yesterday, from Sha U Chung, on board the *Yankee*, was arrested as he stepped ashore on a charge of having in his possession six mace and three candaries of illicit opium. He admitted that he had not the opium farmer's certificate for the drug and was convicted and fined.

MR. C. Chaytor, who was formerly the popular manager of the Hotel de l'Europe in Singapore, arrived at Hongkong yesterday by the steamer *Catharine*. For something like 14 years Mr. Chaytor has been in the hotel business in Singapore and the Far East, three years being spent as manager of the hotel mentioned, when he brought it through some troublous times and made it one of the pleasure resorts of the Southern Settlement. Mr. Chaytor will remain some time in Hongkong, and may possibly be induced to remain in Hongkong.

A CHINESE seaman belonging to the steam launch *Gretchen* had a very uncomfortable experience yesterday afternoon. He was standing at the edge of the Praya wall, near the P. & O. wharf, at about half-past three o'clock, waiting for his launch to get alongside, when an American bluejacket coming up from behind accidentally collided with the Chinese, pitching him into the harbour. Fortunately the man could swim and he stuck out for the nearest landing stage, arriving there, somewhat worse for his ducking, but a trifle annoyed. The bluejacket, who had stood by all this time, was then requested to go to the Central Station. There the matter was settled, "accident" being the result of the investigation.

The Japanese Boycott.

CHICAGO CHINESE PARTICIPATING.

A telegram has been received in Canton which states that considerable enthusiasm was evinced by the Chinese in Chicago on receipt of information of the boycott movement. Resolutions have been drawn up by the Chinese societies in which the colony in San Francisco and the Chinese in California generally are urged not to patronize Japanese vessels either as passengers or by shipping freight on them. The Chinese students at Chicago have cabled to Kwangtung and also to the merchants and students in all the other provinces stating that the terms of the *Taiwan* settlement were most unreasonable. They are of opinion that all foreign countries believe Japan to be in the wrong in this case; in other words, they do not side with Japan. The Chicago students are glad to hear of the boycott as a retaliatory measure. They add in the telegram that some American papers report the fact that Japanese dressed in Chinese clothes are trying to sell Japanese wares in the streets of Canton, thus hoping to irritate the populace and give rise to friction. With an assault for an excuse they would hope to have plausible grounds to coerce the Chinese Government. The students advised their Cantonese compatriots to be on their guard lest they fall into the Japanese trap. They counsel a peaceful yet firm attitude in prosecuting the boycott.

A CANTONESE BLACKLEG.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 19th April. The Canton Self-Government Society has received a letter from a Hongkong merchant, named Cheung, who informed the Society that forty-nine cases of Japanese marine produce arrived in Hongkong a few days ago. Since their arrival the stores have been wholly unsaleable, even at the lowest price. A Canton merchant, who happened to be in the Colony then, bought them and will bring them up to Canton in a few days' time. In the letter the writer gave the name and address of the buyer in Canton, of the merchandise to the Society, and asked the Society to deal with him, when he returns here.

CONSUL YUENO'S REPRESENTATIONS.

Canton, 20th April. The other day, the Japanese Consul at Canton made a representation to the Viceroy to the effect that, recently, notices for boycotting Japanese goods and placards in the form of verses, meaning the memorial of national disgrace, have been found posted in various streets, and that more or less loss has been experienced by the Japanese trade in the south of China, since the starting of the Japanese boycott. The Viceroy was accordingly requested to take immediate steps to prohibit the boycott propaganda. On the Consul's representation, His Excellency issued a proclamation to stop the people from going on with the movement and to forbid any one from stirring up the boycott feeling. In the proclamation His Excellency stated that the Kwangchow Prefect and the district magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu have been instructed to warn the leading merchants and to ask them to stop their colleagues from taking part in the boycott movement. H.E. also added that if any one is found in the act of stirring up the public feeling he will be arrested and punished.

ATTITUDE OF YOKOHAMA CHINESE.

It is reported from Tokio that the Chinese merchants have intimated to the Japanese with whom they have transactions that under the existing circumstances they are unable to export any Japanese merchandise to Hongkong or Singapore in consequence of the Cantonese boycott.

We learn from the *Japan Advertiser* that Mr. Wu, chief of the Chinese Merchants Guild in Yokohama, has announced that he is strongly opposed to the boycott movement now in progress in South China. On the 15th instant a general meeting of Chinese merchants at the port is to be convened when a proposal will be submitted to the effect that a notice should be forwarded to Canton, warning the Chinese merchants there to discontinue the boycott, which will prove harmful to the interests of both countries. Mr. Wu is a native of Canton.

JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT.

It is unfortunate, says the *Tokyo Asahi*, that the *Taiwan* incident should have so much incensed the Chinese as to have given rise to Canton to the boycott against Japanese goods. As to the rights or wrongs of the *Taiwan* affair there is no necessity to renew discussion, but we would call the attention of the Chinese people to the fact that the methods pursued by them against Japanese goods will have the inevitable result of being disadvantageous to both parties concerned. Even supposing that Japan was in the wrong as regards the gun-running business, the boycott of Japanese goods will fail as a means of retaliation. The reason that the Chinese have begun to buy cotton yarn, matches, and other Japanese merchandise in large quantities of late years is because they can buy these articles cheaper than those imported from Europe and America or those manufactured by the Chinese themselves. The inevitable outcome of such movement must be that either the Chinese will be obliged to buy higher-priced articles or manufacture them by themselves at a cost higher than they would have to pay for the Japanese manufactures. It is reported that the starting of a match factory at Canton is under proposal in order to check the importation of Japanese matches. Nothing could be said against such schemes if they are prompted by real for the promotion of the real interests of China, but if they are, on the contrary, merely the result of the abolition of mistaken patriotism they must be regarded as very silly. The boycott as it is now practised at Canton, in a most ill-conceived and unadvisable manner, some time ago the Chinese

employed similar tactics against America in retaliation for the exclusion of Chinese in that country. The Chinese apparently think that by this means they inflicted great loss on America and succeeded in obtaining their revenge. Of course America suffered to a certain extent as the result of the boycott, but China must have been the bigger loser in that she was compelled to buy higher-priced articles while the boycott lasted. If there was anyone who profited by the game it was the third party who supplied goods in place of America. Strictly speaking, therefore, China did not succeed in her war of retaliation against America. Altogether the movement in which the Canton people are now engaged is ill-advised and absurd, and the sooner it is brought to an end the better it will be for all concerned.

PORTUGUESE CONSUL-GENERALSHIP.

MR. J. J. LEIRIA'S REMOVED APPOINTMENT. It is rumoured that a private telegram has been received in the Colony announcing the appointment of Mr. J. J. Leiria, Vice-Consul, as Consul-General for Portugal in Hongkong, in succession to the late Mr. A. G. Romano.

A representative of this paper interviewed Mr. Leiria this forenoon in connection with the report. Mr. Leiria had had no intimation of the news nor has he received any official despatch from Lisbon thereon.

Should the rumour be confirmed from Lisbon we have no doubt that Mr. Leiria's appointment to the Consul-Generalship for Portugal in Hongkong will be received with satisfaction by the local Portuguese community.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LD.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., agents, Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd., inform us that they have received a telegram from The Chinese Engineering & Mining Company Ltd., Tientsin, advising that they have declared an interim dividend of 1/6 per share free of tax for account of the year ending 29th February. Same will be payable 1st May.

LADY LUGARD'S ILLNESS.

FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ENGLAND.

It is with the deepest concern that we have learned of the approaching departure of Lady Lugard for England as the result of the advice of her medical attendants. It seems that for some time past Lady Lugard has been seriously ill, although in view of the courageous manner in which she fulfilled her duties as hostess at Government House few could have suspected the fact. The series of entertainments, musical symposiums and other gatherings at which her ladyship was the centre and source of the pleasure must have had an exceedingly trying effect on her health. Moreover, since Sir Frederick Lugard assumed the reins of government in Hongkong, their Excellencies have sustained many sad losses which were bound to affect the spirits of Lady Lugard and have an undermining effect on her health. It is stated that her ladyship will proceed to England as soon as she is sufficiently convalescent to leave, and we only voice the hope of our readers that she will find in the bracing air of the homeland those recuperative powers which she has evidently failed to find in Hongkong. Meanwhile all will regret that Government House will be deprived of its chateaulaine and we can simply trust that the absence of Lady Lugard from the Colony will be of but short duration.

NAVAL COURTESIES.

BRITISH ADMIRAL DINES WITH ADMIRAL HEMPHILL.

Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, Commander-in-Chief of the British South China Squadron, and his staff officers dined on board U.S. cruiser *Rainbow*, flagship of Admiral Hemphill, commanding the Philippine Squadron, last evening.

H.M.S. *Albatross*, with Admiral Lambton on board, left the harbour for Shanghai, via Coast ports, in the forenoon to-day.

THE BELLE VIEW HOTEL.

J. P. MEETING FURTHER ADJOURNED.

The Justices of the Peace meeting which was adjourned last week, was resumed to-day, the business being to consider the application from Charles Ernest Clifford for the transfer to him from one Thomas Bernard Maguire of the publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on the premises, No. 2, Pak Shui Wan, under the sign of "The Belle View Hotel." The last adjournment was ordered to enable the applicant to produce references. Mr. J. R. Wood, second police magistrate, presided. Other Justices present were:—Captain Lyons (superintendent of police), and Mr. Bowen-Rowlands. Mr. P. X. d'Almeida Castro, who appeared for the applicant, produced two references. He said that one was signed by an engineer on board one of the Great Northern Company's steamers and the other by Mr. Knox—

Captain Lyons—"The motor man?"
Mr. d'Almeida—"Yes, Mr. Knox of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co. Proceeding," he said that the licence should be granted to his client. The applicant was not well known in Hongkong as he had not been long here, and he submitted that the licence should be granted for at least six months. During that time the police could keep their eyes on him.

Capt. Lyons—"The police do not keep their eyes on anybody."
The Court was then cleared and the matter was discussed in *camera*, but no decision was reached and the meeting was further adjourned, on the ground, so we were given to understand, that the Justices were not fatigued.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

FOREIGN RIGHTS IN CHINA.

LAND IN NON-TREATY PORTS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

The Diplomatic Corps has agreed that properties in foreign ownership in the interior of China [i.e., in non-Treaty ports] can be re-purchased by the local officials.

The Waiwupu has, accordingly, directed all the Provincial authorities to ascertain what are the properties held in China by Chinese Christians.

KOREANS AND CHINA.

WILLING TO ACCEPT CHINESE SUZERAINTY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 20th April.

The Koreans in Chientao, on account of their alleged ill-treatment by the Japanese, are reported to be willing to place themselves under the administration of Chinese officials.

THE CLUB LUSITANO.

"THE BELLE OF NEW YORK" BY LITTLE MIDGETS.

When a few members of the Club Lusitano resolved to stage the "Belle of New York" by the little children of the members, it was thought that the promoters were essaying a task beyond the abilities of the amateur Lilliputians and taxing to the training energies of the promoters and stage managers. The prophecy, however, was falsified last evening when the initial of a series of performances was given in the hall of the Club to an audience of members and their friends which taxed not only the seating but also the standing accommodation available in the hall.

The play is so well known that it would be a work of supererogation to relate the argument. After the overture played by the Sociedade Philharmonica the curtain rose disclosing the dinner-party of young Harry Bronson (Master Henrique Lopes). The audience were forthwith captivated by the dimmity of the actors. But applause was loud and long when after the kissing of Fifi (Miss Evelina Lopes), she and Harry treated the auditorium to their first duet. Tunesfully rendered, the little singers showed a really remarkable aptitude for music. The same talent was shown by Violet Gray, the Salvation Army Lassie (Miss Camilla Castro) whose pleasing voice and pretty acting received immense applause. Miss Maria Rosario had a difficult rôle to sustain in Cora Angelique. Her slight and certainly pardonable defects of enunciation were made up by clever personation. The little bridesmaids were a charming group and looked attractive in their pretty costumes. As a comedian little Alfredo Castro played "Blinky Bill" to perfection, and the unalloyed meed of praise which he earned from start to finish was fully merited. Master Ferd. Remedios, Karl von Pompernick, the polite lobbyist, afforded much merriment and went to show his appreciation of a not too easy character to play. Ichabod Bronson was portrayed by Anthony Castro, whose songs were pleasingly rendered though his memory failed in topical allusions. The brothers Alberto and Lu's Osmund were two genuine whits to take the parts of the Portuguese noblemen. They made two taking figures, identical in every respect, on the stage. Tiny Irene Remedios was a pretty little Baby-dance and her cake-walk with her partner Joe Castro was one of the most admired items in the evening's play. Even to the accompaniment of the organ of the "show" were fortunate in their selection, for in the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. C. A. P. Xavier, Miss Esther Xavier, they brought into service the capabilities of almost an infant prodigy. For the success of the "Belle of New York" special mention must be made of Mr. J. C. Guiterres, promoter, while Mr. Guiterres had the designing of the dresses. Messrs. A. E. da Silva and C. M. S. Alves had charge of the stage direction, and Mr. C. A. P. Xavier was the musical director.

The next performances will be on the 22nd, 23rd and 25th inst.; on the 26th there will be matinee.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Kutang*) 26th inst.
Indian (*Ontang*) 29th inst.
Indian (*Kumang*) 1st prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 1st prox.
German (*Prinz Sigismund*) 2nd prox.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 6th prox.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Yipoo*, with the French mail of the 19th ult., and mails from London of the 28th ult., left Singapore on 20th inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on 27th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

